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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGER, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street; E. G. GEORGE STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill; GORDON & GUTHRIE, LADIES' CLOTHES, E.C.; RATES HENRY & CO., 37, Walbrook; E.C.; SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street; W. M. WILLIS, 151, Cannon Street, E.C.; ROBERT WATSON, 159, Fleet Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—AMBER PRINCE,

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CANTON DISTRICT.

WAGLAN ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Works

for the Establishment of a First

Order Revolving LIGHT, to show double

white flashes at intervals of half a minute,

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to the Tethong Channel leading to Hongkong.

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and a total height from its base to the lantern

vane of 52 feet.

The lower half of the tower will be painted

white, the upper half red, and the lantern

white.

The Dwellings will be painted white.

Approximate position:

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Longitude, 114° 18' 1" E.

FOG SIGNAL.

When the Light has been established,

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will fire two guns with an interval of fifteen

seconds between them, and, if the vessel's

signal—showing that she is under way

—continues to be heard, will repeat the

sign after an interval of twelve minutes.

By Order of the Inspector General of Customs.

A. M. BISBEE,
Coast Inspector.

Imperial Maritime Customs,

Coast Inspector's Office,

Shanghai, 3rd February, 1893. 280

HONGKONG AND WHAMPANO DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

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THE business of the above Bank is con-

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SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORA-

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INTEREST on deposits is allowed at

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For the Hongkong and Shanghai

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F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 3, 1893. 143

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THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,

LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, \$1,000,000.

SUBSCRIBED, \$1,125,000.

Banks,

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at

the Rate of 2% per Annum on the Daily

Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 12 Months.....5%

For 6 Months.....4%

For 3 Months.....3%

JOHN THURBURN,

Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 4, 1893. 228

THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF SCOTLAND,

PARK'S BANKING CO. AND THE ALLIANCE

BANK (LTD.).

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5%.

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do. 3 do. do. 3%

Current Accounts 2%

Hongkong, January 3, 1893. 27

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF

HONGKONG, NO. 1,165.

A regular MEETING of the above

LODGE will be held on THE 13th

MAY, the 18th instant, at 8 p.m. for 9 p.m.

precisely. VICTORIA THEATRE is officially

invited.

Hongkong, February 10, 1893. 274

Intimations.

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

No. 50.

THE EXAMINATION, BULK and STATIONS of the Royal Custom House will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 28th FEBRUARY, inclusive, in observance of the CHINESE NEW YEAR'S FESTIVAL.

J. McLEAVY BROWN,
Commissioner of Customs for Kowloon and District.

CUSTOM HOUSE,
Kowloon, 9th February, 1893. 272

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 262.

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THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 1, Praya Central, on TUESDAY, 28th February, 1893, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, and Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1892.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 28th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 9, 1893. 271

NOTICE.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND

THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

THE OFFICES of the above Bank have

been TRANSFERRED to No. 4,

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

CHANTREY INGBOLD,

Manager.

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Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.
LAST NIGHT (Saturday), 11th Feb.
UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF
H.E. Sir WILLIAM & LADY ROBINSON.

GREAT SUCCESS
F. E. A. R.'S
BLACK DIAMOND MINSTRELS.

30 PERFORMERS.

By kind Permission of Lieut.-Colonel RAVENHILL and the OFFICERS of the SHROPSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY a Contingent of the BAND will be in attendance.

POPULAR PRICES—\$2 and \$1.
Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price to Second Seats.
Doors open at 8.30 p.m. Overture at 9 p.m., promptly.

Plan and Tickets at MESSRS. KELLY & WATSON, LIMITED.

A PERCENTAGE OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BE GIVEN TO A LOCAL CHARITY.

For Full Particulars see Bills, Programmes, &c.
Hongkong, February 11, 1893.

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Intimations.

KÉBAO
SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME FRANÇAISE
CAPITAL, 4,000,000 Francs.

LA Société Kébaou (Tonkin) dont l'extension prend toute les îles de l'importance et qui est une des plus importantes au Tonkin, dont le charbon est brûlé d'une façon régulière à bord des Steamers des Messageries Maritimes, et en particulier à bord du "Haiphong," voulant introduire ses Charbons sur la place de Hongkong a confié la soin de son Agence à la maison

SHEWAN & Cie.
Praya Central, Hongkong,
à partir du 1er Novembre, 1892.

Le Directeur Général de Kébaou,
HENRY PORTAL.

Kébaou le 10 Decembre, 1892.

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THE MIKE COAL MINING COMPANY.

THE MIKE COAL is a bluish-white Coal of dark reddish colour. For Steam purposes, it has been pronounced to be the best and the most economical of ALL THE JAPANESE COALS.

Its export is increasing yearly, and the opinions expressed by several of the largest regular consumers are in testimony of the excellent qualities of this Coal:

ATTENTION is called to the following ADVANTAGE to Shipowners and Captains, who can get bunkers direct from the Unloading:

Freshness of the Coal.

Uniformity of quality.

Freedom from impurities.

Supply in any quantity on short notice.

Quick dispatch.

Best of weight, etc., etc.

MITSU BUSSAN KAISHA,
Sales Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1892.

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PEAK HOTEL.

OPEN ALL THE YEAR ROUND.
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NOW OPEN and will be run in conjunction with their Hotel in Queen's Road thus enabling them to offer special inducements to Visitors and Residents.

SPECIAL WINTER RATES.

The Rates for Board and Lodging during the WINTER MONTHS, from 1st November to 31st March, have been REDUCED as follows:

One person, one day ... \$2.50
Married couple, do ... 3.50
One person, one month ... 50.00
Married couple, do ... 65.00

For full Particulars apply to

VICTORIA HOTEL,

Hongkong, October 25, 1892.

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UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBRO', HAMBURG AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship **WINDSOR**, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after the 18th Instant, at 4 p.m., will be landed at Government Point and forwarded to Godown at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, February 8, 1893.

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NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP TACOMA, FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA AND YOKOHAMA.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, February 8, 1893.

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To Let.

TO LET.

NEW HOUSES in REVEN TERRACE, Bonham Road, near Breezy Point.

No. 4, Three BEDROOMS, FLOORS in ELEVEN BUILDINGS.

OFFICES—SECOND FLOOR, PRAYA CALM (lately occupied by MESSRS. DUNN, MILSTEIN & CO.).

GODOWN, NO. 1A, HUNG BUILDINGS.

SEM-DETACHED HOUSES, at MAGAZINE GATE. Very cheap rental.

No. 4, 5 and 6, VICTORIA VIEW, Kowloon.

FLOORS, No. 5, SHELLY STREET.

No. 7, PLATA CENTRAL, at present occupied by the NEW ORIENTAL BANK IN LIQUIDATION.

No. 10, OLD BAILEY.

Apply to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

Hongkong, December 21, 1892.

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TO LET.

NOS. 3 and 8, KNUTSFORD TERRACE, Kowloon.

Apply to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

Hongkong, February 8, 1893.

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HONGKONG HOTEL Co., LTD.

NOTICE.

ROOMS TO LET.

FOR OFFICES and/or CHAMBERS on the Ground and First Floors of the House, facing QUEEN'S ROAD and PADELL STREET. With immediate entry if required.

For Particulars, apply to

R. LYALL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 8, 1892.

2163

TO LET.

"B" ROCKHURST, a six-ROOMED B HOUSE at Mount Gough, the Peak.

Apply to

G. C. ANDERSON,
13, Praya Central.

Hongkong, December 2, 1892.

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TO LET.

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Apply to

MESSRS. PALMER & TURNER,
Queens Road Central.

Hongkong, January 7, 1893.

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TO LET.

No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD (lately occupied by AZACK).

No. 2, SYCAMORE TERRACE.

Apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.

Hongkong, February 9, 1893.

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To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC SPORTS.

NOTICE:

A MEETING will be held in the V.R.C. Gymnasium on MONDAY, the 12th Instant, to arrange about the above Sports. All Persons interested are requested to attend.

A. DENISON,
Hon. Sec., H.K. Athletic Club.

Hongkong, February 11, 1893.

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HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-Fourth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company, will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, Pedder's Street, on FRIDAY, the 10th Proxime, at Noon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1892, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED Suez CANAL.

OUTWARD BOUND.—Kingsland, Dec. 23; Glengyle, 30; Obi, Jan. 6; Iser, Bon-ton, 13; Telamon, 16; Madura, 20; Nicobar, 24; Strathleven, Durban, 27; Oute, Marmion, Radnorshire, Cape Capina, 31; Glengyle, Chingoo, Feb. 4.

HEWARD BOUND.—Barclais, Jan. 10; Ajax, 12; Diamond, 17; Glengyle, Titan, 20; Ethiopia, 30; Bayern, Glamorganshire, 31; Shanghai, Glengyle, Feb. 4.

The P. & O. s.s. *Bahilla*, with the East Mail of Jan. 13, left Singapore on Monday, the 6th inst., at 6 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 13th inst., at noon.

This packet brings reply to letter despatched from Hongkong on Dec. 8.

The P. & O. Co.'s a. *Gede*, left Yokohama on Saturday, the 11th instant, at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 16th inst.

The R. M. S. *Empress of Japan*, left Vancouver for Hongkong via Nokohama, Kobe and Shanghai on Feb. 9.

The O. S. S. Co.'s a. *Pantasia*, left Singapore on Feb. 8, and may be expected here on or about Feb. 16.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamship *Cyclone*, left Singapore on Feb. 10, and may be expected here on or about Feb. 17.

The P. & O. s.s. *Talbot* left Bombay for this port on Feb. 4.

The P. & O. s.s. *Bombay* left London for this port on Jan. 21.

CYANIDE.—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH.—1893. 11 A.M.

Hymns, 344, 179, 172; Psalm, 67; Anthem, 8.

ORDERS OF CHORAL SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL—GUINGHAM'S SUNDAY. Matins.—Venit, Burrows; Psalmus, Jones; Canticle; Te Deum, Wood; with *dox.*; Jubilate, Quasimodo; Antiphon, "Enter not into judgment"; Litany; Hymns, 210 and 542.

Evensong.—Psalms, Garrett, Tomlinson, & Wesley; Magnificat, Barnby; Nunc Dimittis, Felton; Hymns, 286, & 518.

The R. M. S. *Empress of Japan* left Vancouver on the 9th instant for Yokohama, Kobe, Shanghai and Hongkong.

There will be a celebration of Holy Communion at the Peak Church to-morrow, at 8 o'clock.

The French mail steamer *Caledonian* was moored off West Point yesterday, as she had a quantity of gunpowder as cargo. The steamer *St. Asaph*, which arrived last night with gunpowder, is also moored at West Point.

Four men who had deserted from the American flagship *Lancaster* and two from the steamer *Humber* were brought before Mr. Wodehouse at the Magistracy this morning. His Worship made an order that the deserters should be put on board their ships.

The following telegram has been received this morning by the agent of the Imperial Mines, from Messrs J. Whittle & Co., London.—London, Feb. 10, 1893.—Have received expert's report; it may be discouraging; the matter is before the Board. Will telegraph full information in regard to decision in a few days.'

At the Magistracy to-day before Mr. H. E. Wodehouse, Yung Fat and Lam Hee Ying, of Wui Kee Hong, appeared in answer to a charge of building defective houses walls at Upper Station Street. Mr. Tooker, Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, it appeared, had ordered the accused to pull down the walls which had been put up contrary to the specification sanctioned by the Director of Public Works. The case had been before the Court on another occasion, and was adjourned to give the contractors an opportunity to raise the walls. It was reported that this had been done, so his Worship disposed of the case by fining each of the accused \$5.

The P. & O. steamer *Iden* which left for England to-day takes home details from the Garrison. Some of the men will be landed at Suez for service in Egypt. The details are as follow:—Royal Engineers—Lieut. Robinson and 34 men; Royal Artillery—11 men; Shropshire L.I.—23 men; Medical Staff—Surgeon-Captain B. E. Hunter; Medical Staff Corps—9 men. Ten women and 18 children also left the Aden, on board of which Major-General Gordon, Captain-Superintendent of Police, and Mrs. Gordon have embarked for Marseilles.

Shortly before one o'clock this morning fire broke out in a house at 68 Jervois Street, and although the Fire Brigade turned out and did all they could to limit the extent of the fire the flames spread to adjacent houses in Jervois Street and Queen's Road. All three houses were totally destroyed. The house where the fire originated is three stories in height and is occupied by a dealer in Chinese cloths. It is stated that the fire was caused by a kerosene lamp falling from the ceiling of the basement floor upon a lamp standing on a table. The property in this house was insured with the North German Fire Insurance Office for \$10,000, and it is believed the house in Queen's Road is insured with Messrs Naudin and Co. It is not yet ascertained whether the buildings were insured. Mr. H. E. Wodehouse, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, was present and directed the efforts of the firemen, and the other officers present were Mr. Mathewson, Acting Deputy Superintendent, and Mr. J. W. Kinghorn, Engineer. Inspector Hennessy was in charge of the detachment of Police which turned out.

TO-DAY at the Magistracy two private companies engaged carrying money letters between Hongkong and Canton were charged before Mr. H. E. Wodehouse with stealing about \$100. As soon as the theft was discovered by the Chinese firm in Hongkong a telegraphic message was despatched to Canton, where one of the prisoners was arrested and brought down here. His accomplice was apprehended in Hongkong. A sum of about \$64 was recovered. Full confessions were made by the accused who were each sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

A LONDON telegraph dated 23rd January, states:—The anchor-line steamer *Arabia*, bound from Bombay to Marseilles and Liverpool, went ashore at Port Said yesterday, but is making no water. Tugs were sent off at once and saved her passengers. The steamer is bumping heavily and salvage operations are prevented owing to the bad weather prevailing.

The Post states that Senator Allison has accepted the position of Minister of War in his position as one of the United States delegates to the Monrovia Conference when Mr. Cleveland enters office as President, and that he has suggested to his colleagues to likewise, in order to give the new Administration an opportunity to send a committee to the conference in accordance with its own views on the silver question. Mr. Allison, however, has declined either to deny or confirm these statements.

At a meeting of the Anthropological Society in Berlin, Lieutenant Morgan has reported that his assistants, at a place twenty-five days' march from the coast of Cameron, shot a gorilla of such a size that the measure across its chest was seventy inches, and its shoulders were as wide as those of three men united. The creature had to be dragged to the station by the united strength of sixteen men, so heavy was it. Hitherto no gorilla has been seen in Europe beyond the first degree north latitude.

All the returns of the Volunteer Force from the ten military districts of Great Britain have now been received at the War Office, and show that notwithstanding depression in trade and other fluctuating causes, the militia army in the most important factor—that of efficiency—is upon no occasion since its institution in 1859 been in so satisfactory a condition as it is now, the general total of all arms, it is stated, showing nearly 216,000 efficient out of about 225,000 enrolled, as against 214,000 efficient and 222,000 enrolled in 1891. The exact figures will be laid on the table of the House of Commons when the new Parliament assembles.

The Biometrical League, the *St. James's Gazette*, says, preparing for a campaign when Parliament meets. The Patriotic Army Committee, which has already existed for working the movement, will be revived and made stronger, and the subject is bound to be heard about in the debate on the Address. The general feeling seems to be that, notwithstanding the apparent failure of the Brussels Conference, a decided impression was made upon the monometallists present, whose views were decidedly modified by the latest presentation of the currency question. In any case, Mr. Bertram Currie's advocacy did a great deal to damage the cause of the "goldbugs."

It is stated by a cricketing authority in the Australian, that the Australian team which is to visit England this year will probably include Murdoch (captain), Giffen, Blackham, Lyons, Bannerman, Turner, Bruce, Trumble, McLean, Trott, and Worrell.

The consumption of whisky annually in the United States is 30,000,000 gallons, and the Whisky Trust of Chicago owns a large percentage of the visible supply. The Trust has means while bought up the entire spirit output of the country, and holds 10,000 barrels in its cellars, besides having bought up ahead the supply of all the distilleries for several months. In the elegant language of the monopolist, the amber fluid is virtually cornered. Every glass consumed will hater the price, and thus Brother Jonathan will have to pay something extra for his cocktail. It is an interesting question for Sir Wilfrid Lawson whether this is a good or a bad thing for the community.

An interesting and curious case, illustrating the recuperative power of nature, has just been recorded by a surgeon. A workman, while attending a machine used for cutting blocks of tin, hit the fingers of his left hand clean cut off with the knife. Seven hours afterwards the man went to the hospital for treatment. The surgeon determined to attempt to replace the missing portion of the finger, although the patient had given his consent to amputate it. The workmen carefully cleaned and the ends of the fingers were restored to the skin by fusing by sutures. In a fortnight a firm union was found to have occurred, and when the patient was next seen, after a considerable lapse of time, the surgeon was able to note that both motion and sensation were perfect in the ends of the fingers.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *N.-C. Daily News*, writes from Nanking:—Some months ago there appeared in the *N.-C. Daily News* an article referring to missionaries recklessly offending the prejudices of the people and spilling the *fuzebus* by building high foreign buildings. There has just been completed by the Foreign Christian Mission Society at Nanking a hospital 100 feet long by 40 feet deep, consisting of two stories and a basement under part, and capable of accommodating 70 beds. The cost of the building and fittings was about \$6,000. There was one man whose property was overlooked by the building and was especially liable to damage. An official connected with the Office of Foreign Affairs, a man of large opinion, that it was not the height of the building but the presence of the foreign-looking house that disturbed the atmosphere, and advised keeping to the plan proposed. The neighbour was invited to call and the matter was talked over. To-day this man was one of the leaders in a spontaneous demonstration of goodwill by the people of the neighbourhood. Led by their (紳士) leaders of the literati, they came with the usual display of firecrackers, and presented some fifteen pairs of scrolls. They were received by Dr. Mackie and Butchart, and sat down to a feast at which the *kiochang* (家常) of the neighbourhood attended. Altogether there were some 350 people, including 22 corporals (+兵) from neighbouring camps of soldiers. The nearest military General sold soldiers to guard the gates, and himself called in person to offer congratulations. The utmost goodwill and harmony prevailed, and the occasion was an expression of friendship very pleasing to all concerned.

AMONG the staff appointments mentioned in the *Gazette* as expected to fall vacant in 1893 are the following:—D.A.C., Hongkong.—Lieut.-Col. K. H. J. Jardine, Feb. 21; Staff Captain, R.A., Hongkong.—Capt. N. W. du Boulay, R.A., Dec. 12.

A LONDON telegraph dated 23rd January, states:—The anchor-line steamer *Arabia*, bound from Bombay to Marseilles and Liverpool, went ashore at Port Said yesterday, but is making no water. Tugs were sent off at once and saved her passengers. The steamer is bumping heavily and salvage operations are prevented owing to the bad weather prevailing.

THE RUSSIAN Government has now completed its scheme for the reform of the consular service, whereby Russian consuls of foreign nationality will be gradually replaced by Russian subjects chosen from the present diplomatic staff or from retired naval officers. Thus, henceforward, as soon as a consular post becomes vacant it will be filled by a Russian, the idea of reform being that Russia will seriously show more activity in promoting Russian interest than foreigners. The number of consulates, moreover, will be considerably increased.

Mr. GRANT WATERS' MURMUR.—That the Ball at Government House is spoken of with enthusiasm, and for several reasons.

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That I hear the Address to the Unofficial Members was sent in quietly the other day to the taxpayers' representatives on the Legislative Council, and since then I have heard many residents ask where it could be signified.

That although the Address is believed to bear a large number of signatures, it must be admitted it has suffered from the want of a responsible Committee to bring it to the notice of residents.

That this expression of confidence in the retrenchment policy of the Unofficial Members may be enhanced by the fact that it has not been engineered by any selected body, but has been practically taken up by the genial Platt, who has shown that the ratio between silver and gold, when coined, was strictly maintained, and the commercial transactions, between Palestine, Phoenicia, Egypt, and Greece, were well able to do away with the depreciation of the day of Solomon, and "Solomon made silver to be as stones in Jerusalem," yet the ratio between silver and gold, when coined, was strictly maintained, and the Egyptian coins always maintained in the Egyptian coinage.

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That this Treasury delegation could not have come upon us at a worse time for the Colonial Office, for the local Administration, or for the Colony at large.

That the prize-giving at Victoria College was very quiet a fashionable gathering, and Mr. Robinson deserved credit for having thus far increased the interest in education.

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When invited to a party I'm invariably late;
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